

# **BUILDING AND BATTLING**

Nehemiah 4.15-20 // March 29, 2020

## **NOTES:**

### **A WARSHIP OF WORSHIP**

It is a tempting time to go inward and get into defense mode. After all, that is what we are being asked to do! But though much of our lives are in "pause," the mission must not pause. While we build our wall, we must also pick up our sword.

In a time of war, major changes must be made. Inconveniences and sacrifices are made. And though as a church, we have been preparing ourselves for daily battle, we are never "there." And more renovation of our lives needs to happen.

### **SAVED TO BE SENT**

We are fooling ourselves if we think that a disaster alone will bring people to Jesus and fill our churches. Plagues didn't turn the Egyptians' hearts, suffering didn't change Job's wife's heart, and 9/11 didn't cause American churches to burst at the seams. These things alone don't lead people to Christ. God uses *people*, His church, to be the ministers of reconciliation *amid* those times!

Romans 10.13-17 // Matthew 9.37

Missions is not something God invites us into.  
Rather, it is what He saves us into.  
-Michael Oh

### **GOD'S GLORY AS GOAL AND FUEL**

**If you don't believe in the Great Reward of Christ,  
then you won't live out the Great Commission for Christ.**

#### **Family "Quarantine" Liturgy:**

- A Prayer List: Make this visible and accessible.
- A Contact List: Keep this central in your home. Have a plan and routine.
- A Scripture List: Find verses that could minister to believers and non-believers.
- Outreach and Service Cards: Put them on door mats, yard signs, etc.
- Next Door App: Look for needs in your neighborhood.

Jesus had love to suffer for me  
that I might have faith to suffer with Him.

#### **This Week's Scripture to Memorize:**

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

## **ARE YOU NEW HERE?**

### **WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!**

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### **WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?**

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### **JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL**

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Nehemiah 4.15-20. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

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Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (and OTHERS!)

Read Romans 10.13-1. When you read this, what part of the Good News is found in this that is *for you*? And what does this tell us about how other people come to saving faith in Christ?

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Repent and Ask for Provision

We have rightly been in a mode of building our own defense and preparation, but fear and self-preservation most likely also kicked in. What do you need to turn from so that you can turn towards the mission God has called you and your family to?

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Your Life Mission

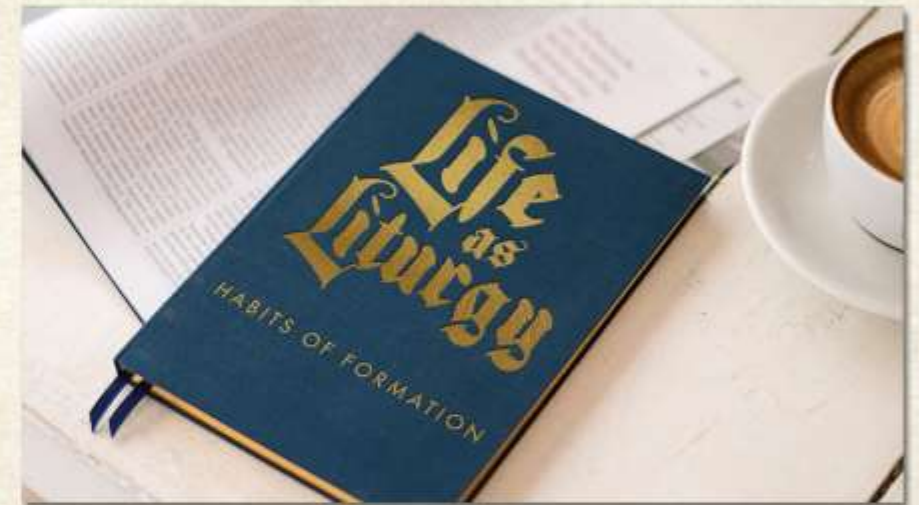
What is your family planning to adopt in this time? Read through the list in the sermon notes, or share your own ideas.

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How do you plan to keep each other in your group accountable and encouraged to pursue this task? What is your Group's action plan?

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End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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